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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Vice-Chair Maureen Braun Scalera.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC
Elizabeth Manley, MSW, LSW
Lisa Eileen Cox, Ph.D., LCSW (left at 3PM)
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN (left at 1pm)
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW (arrived at 10:30am)
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC

Absent:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair)

Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Rep
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff
Patricia Lewis, Law Intern

Announcement of Quorum

Vice-Chair Maureen Braun Scalera announced the presence of a quorum at 9:41 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. May 13, 2015 Public Session Minutes

Upon motion made by Ms. Sperling, and seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board voted to approve the May 13, 2015 minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Executive Director Walker announced the annual election of officers

V. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Upon nomination made by Mr. St. Onge, with a second nomination made by Ms. Braun Scalera, Dawn Hall Apgar was officially nominated for Board Chair.

Upon motion made by Ms. McKernan, and seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to close the nominations for Dawn Hall Apgar. Voting in favor: all, thereby electing Dawn Hall Apgar as Chair.

Upon nomination made by Mr. St. Onge, with a second nomination made by Ms. Borden, Maureen Braun Scalera was officially nominated for Board Vice Chair.

Upon motion made by Ms. Borden, and seconded by Ms. Sperling, the Board voted to close the nominations for Maureen Braun Scalera. Voting in favor: all, thereby electing Maureen Braun Scalera as Vice-Chair.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Associate Executive Director, NASW-NJ

- Ms. Weston discussed calls received through the licensing hotline asking about CE's for retired/ inactive licensees. Why do they need to maintain the same CE's as someone that is currently active. The Board responded that CE's must be completed prior to renewal for one (1) cycle only, and that when they do come back after being inactive there may be requirements for the licensee i.e. retaking the masters exam.
- Ms. Weston working on information to be submitted to the Regulations Committee for review.

B. Karun Singh, Rutgers Universtiy

Mr. Singh discussed with the Board about a potential client who is working towards the LCSW, and wanted to know if they could be supervised 100% of the time by Skype. The Board commented it had been approved in the past due to distance or circumstances, with the comment that the first meeting should be done in person, that they meet the requirements of a qualified supervisor, and files and documents shared electronically needed to have consent from the clients first for an outside supervisor to have access to the documents. There were concerns about confidentiality being maintained through this process as well. The Board encouraged the faculty member to contact Executive Director Walker directly to discuss the details.

VII. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

No items to review.

VIII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

*Upon motion made by Dr. Cox, and seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board voted to approve the following candidates as qualified for LCSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks.
Voting in favor: all.*

*Ms. Borden recused for Alicia Jennings
Dr. Bradley recused for Jorge Abreu, Katie Mills*

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Jorge L. Abreu
Gayle Clachko
Laura J. Davis
Yana Drukin
Jessica M. Fleischer
Kimberly Gevint
Elizabeth Hand
Rachel H. Himley
Corrine Kopp
Kate A. Lach
Emily S. Lowenfels
Shanna E. Manger
Kelly J. McGlynn
Katy Mills
Maria L. Molina
Adria L. Narke
Deirdre M. O'Reilly
Emily B. Penn
Kelly F. Quick
Marla B. Schick
Annemarie Schulte
Trevor A. Scott
Deborah Seale
Alana H. Stamper-Gimbar
Rivka G. Thau
Vangie Vargas

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Cindy I. Alulema
Dalia Breiner
Jessie Clark
Jill Cohen
Jessica C. Cronin
Catherine A. Cusack
Megan K. Hein
Patrice A. Holness

Alicia L. Jennings
Tova C. Lansky
Natasha A. McDermott
Lindsay K. McGovern
Alexander P. Movahed
Dana E. Oliver
Marina Pejic
Jessica D. Rich
Asya Rivinson
Amy E. Saavedra
Lori J. Sonenblum
Margaret E. Steltz
Katherine B. Teixeira
Eman B. Warraich-Gibson

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Upon motion made by Ms. Sperling, and seconded by Ms. Manley, the Board voted to approve the following candidates as qualified for LSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor: all.

Dr. Bradley recused for Rosemarie Crenshaw, Britney Dash

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Diane M. Abdallah
Cassandra L. Alleman
Ashley N. Bardi
Ricardo Benitez-Lemos
Blair Biersbach
William M. Brucker
Sally A. Castellano
Jeffery Chang
Jason E. Cohen
Rosemarie Crenshaw
Alexandra D'Emidio
Brittany M. Desch
Marie DiLorio
Barbara A. Edelhauser
Suzanne M. Fanuele
Stephani L. Faust
Christine Ferguson
Diana M. Ferrante
Dana M. Forrest
Lyndsey Hansen
Samantha Horvath
Constance M. Hyland
Olatilewa I. Ifesanye
Claire R. Jacobelli

Samantha A. Jones
Adriana Kelly
Benjamin Lamendola
Elissa R. Laprad
Shelby M. Leder
Jennifer A. Leighton
Yocheved Leshkowitz
Michael Lieber
Angela S. Maceda
Jennifer M. Maderia
Stephanie Mansfield
Felisa Mark
Caroline M. Martin
Tabatha A. Martinez
Mamie M. Mason
Laura E. Matias
Elizabeth Medino
Chenelle T. Mingo
Stephen J. Mogar
Caitlin M. Muldowney
Michael F. Muradi
Jose J. Nieves
Jamie R. Norton
Bradely S. Nussbaum
Veronica M. Oivares
Chanel S. Oladele
Amanda N. Olexion
Megan S. Patterson
Katelyn M. Rogers
Lisa A. Saunders
Susan Schonfeld
Karen L. Schreiber
Andrea L. Sharkey
Gregor J. Thomas
Kayla Varga
Yushi Wang
Young Jae Yi

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Cassandra L. Alleman
Erin M. Bennett
Alexandra N. Biddick
Kelly M. Bravo
Danielle R. Brooks
Stacie E. Brown
Gabriella G. Campana
Clarisa Claeysen
Nichole D. Dipalolo
Samantha A. Dowgin

Rachel Dubois
Yokasta M. Duran
Lindsay M. Eberling
Mark Felisa
Abby J. Foma
Catherine H. Frankel
Lauren M. Gusso
Malka A. Kirzner
Tess J. Krakoff
Shelby M. Leder
Alexandra E. Legregin
Nicole A. Lesko
Stacy L. Liegel
Nicole L. Litland
Fatimah J. Littlejohn
Leonel L. Matos
Tyrone M. Miles Jr.
Allison C. Montecallo
Caitlin M. Muldowney
Deborah New
Kathryn P. O'Connell
Steven S. Ovadia
Aubrie S. Park
Monique N. Roach
Dominic M. Saccento
Samantha Schindelheim
Lindsay A. Smith
Flor Tapia
Colene M. Thomas
Erin M. Tinkel
Jacqueline N. Tozzi
Julia M. Tulanowski
Bradshaw T. Vetterly
Allison B. Weitz
Angela F. Wrigley
Carey K. Young

CSW APPLICATIONS:

Upon motion made by Ms. Borden, and seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board voted to approve the following candidates as qualified for CSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor: all.

Dr. Bradley recused for Sarah Marendino, Kimberly Steiner

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Comfort N. Barker
Lorie Citarella
Luis F. Del Orbe

Margaret L. Lawson
Marilyn Maisonet
Jana K. McCabe
Sara A. Merendino
Kelvin O. Ojomoh
Jennifer M. Sobolewski
Kimberly A. Steiner

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Lenimar L. Almeida
Alexander M. Ames
Codi Beauvais
Samantha J. Chagrin
Elyice J. Coleman
Gerard Cureton
Ajarae N. Davis
Badjo D. Droubli
Shannon N. Fala
Claire Ferry
Christa M. Fries
Elisabeth J. Hajjar
Lina A. Haney
Debra W. Henson
Grazyna A. Jarmosiewicz
Farrah M. Maurice
Karen Mercurio
Dorothy Miles
Chelsea R. Murray
Keisha Nixon
Lovina A. Onwubuyua
Ashley S. Pagen
Anabella Pasini
Joel T. Peterson
Pierre-Paul, Stephanie
Kimberly C. Prince
Maria C. Ramirez
Isabel Rivera
Pamela Sheppard
Jesse J. Violante
Aliya A. Wood

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. I/M/O Edward Jankowski, LCSW - Supervisory summary & evaluation decision from his supervisor Judith Lagani, LCSW

The Board reviewed Ms. Langani's summary and evaluation for Mr. Jankowski stating that he is ready to practice in an independent clinical practice.

Upon motion made by Ms. Sperling, and seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to approve Mr. Jankowski to no longer have a restricted license as he has fulfilled all the requirements of the Consent Order given to him. Voting in favor: all.

B. Memo from Mary Jean Weston, LCSW

The Board reviewed the email from Ms. Weston regarding supervision.

1. When supervision is limited to a portion of the LSW's hours and the full 1920 have not yet been completed (e.g. 500 hours are done and then the LCSW retires), is there an appropriate way for supervisors to complete their form so that the LSW doesn't need to find them 1.5-2 years later?

In addition, supervisors are often not comfortable checking the box that says the LSW is ready to be an independent practitioner as it's too early in their training. However, if they are no longer supervising the LSW, they won't know if s/he is ready even after another couple of years. Thoughts? Suggestions?

Board response: If they have not completed all hours required with a supervisor, that supervisor can write a letter explaining how the supervisee worked up to the point they ended time with that particular supervisor.

On the current form, it says it is optional to write a letter to attach with comments. Board informed Ms. Weston to encourage supervisors to use this option.

2. When the supervisor has limited experience with the LSW (as above) but is not happy with their work, I know they can say that they are not recommending independent practice and write a rationale for that position. However, how does the supervisor know that the LSW won't change that document before taking the form for notarizing?

Since participation by the supervisor is not required at the notarization, if the LSW has shown poor performance, what assurance does the supervisor have that the Board will actually be aware of that?

Board response: Supervisors can write to the Board separately and inform it of any concerns. If the applicant changes forms, the Board would deal with on a case by case basis.

C. Assembly Bill #3435, "Boys & Girls Clubs Keysone Law"; Permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care

Time for comment had passed at the time of this meeting, Board members were asked to provide their comments individually ahead of time.

X. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Next regulations committee meeting is to be scheduled before next Board meeting on July 8, 2015.

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2015

Board members to inform Executive Director of vacations and time off during summer months to plan accordingly and ensure there is always a quorum.

please note: all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m.

July 8, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL (Mr. McCabe, Ms. Sperling excused)

August 12, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL (Ms. McKernan excused)

September 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL (Dr. Bradley excused)

October 14, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

November 18, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

December 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:30 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Dr. Bradley. The Board (working as a quorum since 3 p.m. when Dr. Cox left) re-entered public session at 3:36p.m. upon motion made by Ms. Borden, and seconded by Ms. Sperling to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW
Vice-Chair